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OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

AT THEIR SESSIONS

In Augusta, Ga., Nov. & Dec. 1843.

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FIRST SESSION.

Augusta, (*Ga.*,) *Nov.* 30, 1843, }
Seven o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, and, in the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Leland, the last Moderator present, opened the meeting with a sermon from Matt. 13 : 52. "Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
Joseph Hillhouse,	A. O. Norris,	Anderson C. H.
J. F. Gibert.		

Presbytery of Hopewell.

R. Chamberlain,	E. L. Newton,	Athens.
A. Church, D. D.,	D. Killian,	Madison.
F. Bowman,	P. Fleming,	Augusta.
N. Hoyt, D. D.,	F. F. Fleming,	Lincolnton.
J. W. Reid,		
J. C. Baldwin,		
F. R. Goulding,		
H. Safford.		

Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
M. Peden, S. Donnelly, W. M. Reid.	J. K. Douglass,	Camden.

Presbytery of Charleston.

A. W. Leland, D.D., B. Gildersleeve, Edward Palmer, G. Howe, D D., T. Smyth, D. D., B. M. Palmer, Jr., T. L. McBride.	G. T. Snowden, D. Ardis, A. Campbell,	Columbia. Beech Island. Walterboro'.

Presbytery of Georgia.

C. C. Jones.	None.	

Presbytery of Flint River.

J. C. Patterson, J. S. Wilson, I. W. Waddel, T. F. Montgomery, N. A. Pratt.	T. W. Alexander, Horace Smith,	Fairview. Carroll.

Presbytery of Bethel.

J. Douglas, J. H. Saye, J. R. Gilland, W. Banks, F. Jacobs.	J. Guntharp,	Catholic.

Presbytery of Florida.

None.	None.	

ABSENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—J. B. Kennedy, Hugh Dickson, W. H. Barr, D. D., A. W. Ross, B. D. Dupree, W. Carlile, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, S. B. Lewers, J. D. Wilson, W. H. Davis, W. McWhorter, W. N. Harris.

Presbytery of Hopewell.—E. Pharr, S. K. Talmage, S. S. Davis, A. N. Cunningham, J. W. Baker, G. H. W. Petrie, J. Harrison, R. Hooker, C. P. Beman, N. A. Pratt, H. C. Carter.

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Presbytery of Harmony.—J. Brown, T. R. English, D. McQueen, R. C. Ketchum, H. B. Cunningham, P. Pierson, D. J. Auld, A. G. Peden, M. D. Frazer, G. C. Gregg. W. Brearly, J. McFarland, R. B. Campbell, J. C. Coit, J. Harrington, J. L. Wilson, A. Buie, J. P. McPherson, S. H. Hay.

Presbytery of Charleston.—J. Wallace, G. W. Boggs, A. Buist, J. F. Lanneau, J. J. Dubose, J. H. Thornwell, J. B. Adger, J. L. Merrick, R. Q. Way.

Presbytery of Georgia.—W. McWhir, D. D., R. Quarterman, W. Baird, I. S. K. Axson, John Winn, John Jones.

Presbytery of Flint River.—T. Goulding, D. D., J. Y. Alexander, M. Dickson, J. Stratton, G. W. M'Coy, A. H. Hand, W. M. Cunningham, Daniel Inglis, H. L. Dean, R. T. Marks, J. Gamble, A. B. M'Corkle.

Presbytery of Bethel.—R. B. Walker, J. S. Adams, J. L. Watson, P. E. Bishop, S. B. O. Wilson, A. H. Caldwell, D. McNeil Turner, H. A. Munro, L. W. Curtis.

Presbytery of Florida.—John Brown, D. D., B. Burroughs, J. S. Graves, R. M. Baker, Eli Graves.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Lecture Room to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, Dec. 1—9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as last evening, together with D. McJunkin, Elder of Church at Salem, and Eugenius A. Nisbet, Elder of the church at Macon; J. Cunningham, Elder of Greensboro' church, Hopewell Presbytery; Rev. W. H Davis, and Dr. N. Harris, Elder, of South Carolina Presbytery, Rev. S. K. Talmage, and Rev. R. Hooker, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The minutes of last evening were read.

Synod then elected J. S. Wilson, Moderator, and B. Gildersleeve, Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Rev. Mr. Graham of the Synod of Wheeling, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

On Bills and Overtures.—Dr. Smyth, J. W. Reid, T. F. Montgomery, J. H. Saye, with Elders E. Newton and Dr. McJunkin, who were directed to meet at the recess of this body, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

On the Narrative.—Dr. Hoyt, Dr. Howe, with Elder J. Cunningham.

ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

South Carolina Presbytery.—R. Chamberlain, W. M. Reid, with Elder Dr. T. W. Alexander.

Hopewell Presbytery.—Dr. Leland, Joseph Hillhouse, with Elder A. O. Norris.

Harmony Presbytery.—I. W. Waddel, J. Douglas, with Elder J. Guntharp.

Charleston Presbytery.—N. A. Pratt, H. Safford, with Elder P. Fleming.

Georgia Presbytery.—M. Peden, J. C. Patterson, with Elder H. Smith.

Flint River Presbytery.—S. Donnelly, W. Banks, with Elder D. Ardis.

Bethel Presbytery.—F. R. Goulding, B. M. Palmer, Jr., with Elder A. Campbell.

Florida Presbytery.—F. Bowman, A. Church, D. D., with Elder D. Killian.

On the Minutes of the General Assembly.—Dr. Church, C. C. Jones.

Committee on Finance.—E. A. Nisbet, G. T. Snowden.

On Religious Exercises.—N. A. Pratt, W. H. Davis.

Letters were read from Rev. T. R. English, Rev. D. Humphreys, and Rev. P. E. Bishop, assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained.

A Prospectus for publishing the Records of the Synod of the Carolinas was laid before Synod, whereupon a Committee consisting of Dr. Howe, I. W. Waddel, and E. L. Newton, was appointed to take the subject into consideration and report

It was made the order of the day for three o'clock this afternoon, to receive from the Presbyteries Statistical Reports, and Reports on the State of Religion.

The Synodical Committee on Education presented their report, which was read and accepted, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. C. C. Jones, Dr. Hoyt, and S. K. Talmage.

The Committee on Publication presented their report, stating that they had published and distributed five hundred copies of the Minutes, at an expense of $52 50, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the same Committee it was referred to report provisions for the payment of the Stated Clerk's salary, $50—and also for remunerating the Rev. I. W. Waddel, the former Stated

Clerk, for purchasing the Book for Records several years since, (viz. $5,) with interest.

The committee appointed last year to obtain a reliable legal opinion as to the manner in which the funds of the Theological Seminary of the Synod would be affected, were the Synod to be divided, presented their report, which was accepted and referred to a select Committee, from each Presbytery, consisting of C. C. Jones, E. A. Nisbet, Dr. Howe, J. K. Douglas, Dr. N. Harris, N. A. Pratt, and F. Jacobs.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Synod then had a recess, to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Third Session.

Three o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and proceeded to the order of the day, which was to receive Statistical Reports, and Reports on the State of Religion from the Presbyteries. The Statistical Reports are as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of South Carolina reported that they consist of eighteen Ministers, and have under their care thirty-eight congregations, —— Licentiates, and nine Candidates for the Ministry—that they have received Rev. Patrick H. Folker from the Episcopal Church—that they have dismissed Mr. G. C. Logan, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of Harmony Presbytery—that the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. D. Wilson and the churches of Providence and Rocky River has been dissolved—that the Rev. J. D. Wilson and Rev. W. H. Barr, D. D., have departed this life—and that they have received two new congregations under their care.

The Presbytery of Hopewell reported, that they consist of seventeen Ministers, and have under their care twenty-nine churches, one Licentiate, and two Candidates for the Ministry—that they have dismissed the Rev. S. S. Davis, to join the Presbytery of Albany—that Rev. N. A. Pratt, I. W. Waddel, James Gamble, and J. B. M'Corkle, were set off to the Flint River Presbytery by the action of Synod at its last meeting, and that R. Hooker has been installed Pastor of the Church at Macon.

The Presbytery of Harmony reported, that they consist of twenty-one Ministers and twenty-six Churches, two Licentiates, and three Candidates—that they have installed Rev. R.

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C. Ketchum Pastor of the Church at Salem, Little River—that the pastoral relation between Rev. H. B. Cunningham and the church at Indiantown has been dissolved—that Mr. C. has been dismissed to join the Presbytery of Concord—that they have received under their care G. C. Logan, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina—that they have received S. H. Hay, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston, and ordained and installed him Pastor of Zion church, Winnsboro'.

The Presbytery of Charleston reported, that they consist of fifteen Ministers, and have six churches and three Candidates under their care, that they have dismissed Samuel H. Hay, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Harmony—that they have licensed Mr. Z. L. Holmes—that they have licensed and ordained Rev. R. Q. Way as an Evangelist, to labor in foreign parts, under the direction of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions—that they have received the Rev. B. M. Palmer, Jr., from the Presbytery of Georgia, and installed him Pastor of the church at Columbia—and that the Rev. Edward Palmer has signified his adherence to the Church on the basis of the Acts of the Assembly of 1837 and 1838, and his name has been enrolled among the members—and that the Rev. A. Buist has departed this life.

The Presbytery of Georgia reported, that they consist of nine Ministers, and have under their care nine churches, one Licentiate, and one Candidate—that they have dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. B. M. Palmer, Jr., and the 1st Presbyterian Church of Savannah, and that they have dismissed Mr. Palmer to join the Presbytery of Charleston—that they have received Rev. Alexander Wilson of the Suffolk North Association, and the Rev. Henry Axtell from the Presbytery of Newark, and have dismissed Mr. James Dubuar, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Salem, Indiana, and Mr. C. S. Dodd to connect himself with the Presbytery of Hopewell.

Flint River Presbytery reported, that they consist of fifteen Ministers, and have under their care forty-eight churches, five Licentiates, and two Candidates—that they have dismissed Rev. A. H. Hand to join the Presbytery of Northumberland, and Rev. M. Dickson to join the Presbytery of East Alabama, and the Licentiate, Malcolm A. Patterson, to put himself under the care of the same Presbytery—that since the last report was made the Rev. G. W. M'Coy had departed this life—that the name of Rev. James Stratton, who has formed another ecclesiastical connection, was stricken from the roll—that they have organized six churches—that they have

dissolved the church at Munroe, and licensed Robert Iverson and Samuel T. Pharr, as Probationers for the Gospel Ministry.

The Presbytery of Bethel reported, that they have dismissed Rev. H. Munro to join the Presbytery of Fayetteville, Rev. S. B. O. Wilson to join the Presbytery of Concord, and Rev. D. McNeil Turner to join the Presbytery of South Carolina—that the Rev. J. R. Gilland has been installed Pastor of the churches of Fishing Creek and Cedar Shoals—that they have two Licentiates under their care, and six Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, and that the Rev. J. S. Adams has departed this life.

From the Presbytery of Florida there was no report. Verbal information was given announcing the death of the Rev. John Brown, D. D.

The reports on the State of Religion were read, and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Financial Committee presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:—

That the bill for printing and distributing 500 copies of last year's Minutes, is	$52 50
Stated Clerk's salary,	50 00
Cash paid by brother Waddel for Book of Records, and interest on same,	6 50
	$109 30

That the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:—

Hopewell Presbytery,	$18 00
Flint River,	12 00
Georgia,	11 00
Florida,	6 00
South Carolina,	16 00
Harmony,	18 00
Charleston,	14 00
Bethel,	14 00
	$109 00

The Rev. Mr. Brantley of the Baptist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the Synod approve the action of the Committee of Education, during the year.

Resolved, That as members of the Synod, we will bring the subject of Education for the ministry before our respective churches, and that we will take early and efficient measures to take up collections to relieve the committee of their present

debt, and to enable the committee to meet the expenses of the coming year.

The committee on the minute of the General Assembly, presented their report, and its several items were directed to be placed upon the docket.

The committee on religious exercises presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows, viz:

That these exercises be held in the Lecure room on Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock, and consist of, 1st, a Hymn by the Moderator; 2d, Prayer by Mr. Patterson; 3d, Reading the Scriptures by Mr. R. Chamberlain; 4th, Address to Ministers and Elders by Dr. Smyth; 5th, Hymn by Mr. I. W. Waddel; 6th, Address to Christians by Dr. Howe; 7th, Prayer by Dr. Leland; 8th, Benediction by the Moderator.

The items on the docket from the Minutes of the General Assembly were taken up; whereupon, in relation to the new Hymn Book, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, this Synod is deeply sensible of the importance of having a uniform book of Christian Psalmody throughout all its churches, not only to their order, but also to their piety; therefore,

Resolved, That we rejoice that the General Assembly of our Church has, at length, published its revised collection of Psalms and Hymns adapted to the social, private, and public worship of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and would earnestly recommend to all our churches to take measures for introducing this book into their congregations; and that where this cannot be done at once, that it may be accomplished gradually by the combined use of this collection and their present book of psalmody. And, further, that they order a sufficient number of copies to meet the wants of the people, so as to be able at once to supply their demand."

On printing, by the Board of Publication, the entire Minutes of the Assembly, Synod adopted the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

"Whereas this Synod learns that our Board of Publication is willing to publish the complete Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in these United States, if a sufficient number of copies are taken by our churches, to bear the expense; therefore,

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to those Presbyteries within our bounds who have not made themselves responsible for a number of copies of this work, to do so, that a work so desirable and useful in itself considered, and so creditable to our church, may not fail of a speedy accomplishment.

Resolved, also, That this work be commended to the patronage of our Ruling Elders, and of all our members."

On the sanctification of the Sabbath, the following minute was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That we approve of the action of the last General Assembly on the sanctification of the Sabbath, and earnestly call the attention of our ministers and churches to the following resolutions, as now solemnly binding upon the ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church :

"*Resolved, first*, That the sanctification of the Sabbath is a duty incumbent upon all men, at all times.

"*Second*, That such is its fundamental importance to all the great interests of the human race, and such its bearing upon all the efforts for the intellectual elevation, the moral purity, the social happiness, and the eternal salvation of men, that its due observance ought to receive the earnest attention, the fervent prayers, and the hearty, active, and persevering co-operation of all the friends of God and man throughout the world.

"*Third*, That it be enjoined upon all the ministers belonging to the Presbyterian Church, to preach, especially upon the sanctification of the Sabbath ; and that it be earnestly recommended, both to pastors and people, not only to sanctify the Sabbath themselves, but also to co-operate in the furtherance of any measures suggested by others, that may seem calculated to secure its sanctification throughout the world."

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod be called upon at our next meeting to know whether they have complied with the requisitions of the Assembly by preaching upon the subject.

Leave was granted for the introduction of the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That this Synod would again express its cordial approbation of the Biblical Repertory as an able and most valuable Presbyterian Review—that they can commend it to the increased patronage of our Bishops, Elders, and church members ; and that in order better to secure these objects, the recent circular of its editor, the Rev. M. Hope, be printed in the Appendix of our Minutes.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SESSIONS.

Saturday, Dec. 2—9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as on yesterday, together with Rev. Wm. N. Harris, and B. King,

Elder of the church of Roswell, Hopewell Presbytery—whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The committees on the Records of South Carolina, of Charleston, and of Hopewell Presbyteries, presented their respective reports, recommending that they be approved, which was adopted.

The committee on the Records of Flint River, of Georgia, and of Florida Presbyteries, reported that the books had not been put in their hands, and asked to be discharged, which was granted.

Synod proceeded to nominate as Directors of the Theological Seminary, members to supply the places of those whose term of office expires at this meeting. A list of the nominees being made, it was directed to be placed upon the door; and it was made the order of the day for the election, at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented Overture, No. 1, which was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That so much of the original Territory of Flint River Presbytery as was set off by Synod, and attached to the Presbytery of Florida, be and hereby is restored to the Flint River Presbytery.

Synod then proceeded to nominate Directors for Oglethorpe University; when a list of the nominees was made, and directed to be placed upon the door; and it was made the order of the day for the election immediately after the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The committee on the proposal to publish the early Records of the Synod of the Carolinas, presented their report, which was accepted, and, after some discussion, it was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Dr. Smyth.

The order of the day was taken up, which was the Report of the Committee of Foreign Missions. This report was read by Dr. Smyth, accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

And in accordance with the recommendation of that report, a committee was appointed consisting of Rev. S. K. Talmage, and Rev. J. C. Baldwin, to prepare a pastoral letter to the churches, in reference to Foreign Missions and other benevolent objects.

The Treasurer's Report was committed to E. A. Nisbet and J. Cunningham.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 2, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

On Missions.

"Whereas it appears from the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, that upwards of one hundred of our church-

es are in the habit of contributing nothing to the cause of Christ, in the extension of the Gospel to those who know it not, and thus fail to discharge one primary duty, and to accomplish one great end for which they were constituted.

And whereas this fact is dishonorable to the character of this Synod and of all its Presbyteries, as Christian bodies, and to the power and efficiency, both of the doctrines and polity of the Presbyterian Church.—Therefore,

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the several Presbyteries, at their next meeting, to make inquiries into this matter, and to ascertain what churches within their bounds contribute either nothing, or less than they might reasonably be expected to contribute, towards this object ;—to take such measures as, in their wisdom, shall appear most likely to lead them to a proper sense and discharge of their duty ;—and to report the result of their efforts to this body at its next sessions.

Resolved, further, That if the plan can be possibly carried out, it be recommended to the Presbyteries that, in order to secure this most desirable result, they appoint one or more of their number to visit these churches severally—(they making provision for the supply of his pulpit, and his travelling expenses being paid out of the collections made)—and to preach to them on their duty to assist in spreading the knowledge of the gospel through all the world, and to take up collections for this object.

Resolved, also, That it be recommended to all our Presbyteries to whom the Lord has given foreign Missionaries, whether these are in connexion with our own Boards or with the A. B. C. F. M., to require from them an annual report of their labors to be forwarded in time for every spring session ; which report shall be read and embodied in the proceedings of said Presbytery, and transmitted to the Committee on Missions in season to be included in their annual report to this body.

Resolved, finally, That as it is expressly foretold in Scripture that prayer shall continually be made for Christ's kingdom, and for the accomplishment of the decree by which the heathen and the uttermost parts of the earth are given unto him for his possession, all our churches be earnestly entreated to observe the Monthly Concert for united prayer, either on the Sabbath afternoon or evening, as may be most convenient; and to give their people an opportunity of accompanying their prayers with their alms, that they may thus prove God therewith, whether he will not bless them in return. And that our several bishops be enjoined to prepare themselves carefully for these occasions, that they may instruct

their people from the word of God on their duty, and the glorious prospects of the church, and animate them by the detail of those events in God's providence, which, from time to time, brighten the hopes and confirm the faith of his church and people."

The same committee presented Overtures Nos. 3, 4, and 5, which were ordered to be placed on the docket.

Overture No. 3, was taken up, and after some remarks, recommitted to the same committee.

Synod then had a recess to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

FIFTH SESSION.

Three o'clock, P. M.

Synod met—When the Committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery, presented their report, recommending that the books be approved; which was adopted.

Mr. Killian and Mr. B. King, asked leave of absence after this evening, which was granted.

Overture No. 4, was taken up, and, on motion, it was indefinitely postponed.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on the manner in which the funds of the Theological Seminary would be affected, in case of a division of the Synod, presented their report; which was accepted, and made the order of the day for Monday morning, after the election of Directors of the Seminary, and Directors of Oglethorpe University.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented Overture No. 6, which was accepted, and placed on the docket.

Overture No. 3, which was recommitted, was again reported with amendments; and on motion, it was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"*Resolved*, That, in accordance with the unanimous vote of Flint River Presbytery, as expressed at its last meeting, Synod proceed to set off and erect into a new Presbytery, all that part of the territory now belonging to Flint River Presbytery, known as the Cherokee country; and also the counties of Forsythe, Lumpkin, and Union, now belonging to the Presbytery of Hopewell—to be called by the name of the Presbytery of Cherokee; to include all the churches within said counties, and the ministers there located, (viz:) James Gamble, Nathaniel A. Pratt, Isaac W. Waddel, and Alexan-

der B. McCorkle—with the licentiates James B. Dunwody and Thomas Jackson ; that the said Presbytery meet on the Thursday before the third Sabbath in April, in the town of Summerville, Chatooga county ; that the Rev. James Gamble be appointed to preach the opening sermon, and preside, until a new Moderator be chosen ; and in case of his absence, the senior minister present discharge his duties."

Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, J. C. Patterson in the chair, when it was resolved that it is expedient to divide the Synod as soon as it can be safely done.

The Synod rose and reported to Synod—who then had a recess to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

Sixth Session.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

Synod met ; when the religious exercises were conducted according to previous arrangement.

Adjourned, to meet on Monday Morning at 9 o'clock.—Closed with prayer.

Seventh Session.

Monday Morning, Dec. 4—9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer Present as on Saturday, together with Rev. G. H. W. Petrie, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained,

Flint River Presbytery paid the present assessment of Synod, (viz :) $12; and Bethel Presbytery its assessment, $14.

A preamble and resolutions were introduced in relation to the division of the Synod, which was laid upon the table.

The Committee on the report of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Mann, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following resolutions were offered, in relation to the religious instruction of our coloured people, which were adopted, viz :

"1. *Resolved*, That the religious instruction of the blacks is a subject which should attract the attention and engage the

efforts of the members of this Synod, more extensively than it has yet done.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of the Presbyteries to inquire into the efforts of its Ministers for the right instruction of the servants belonging to their congregations in the doctrines and duties of the Bible, and to embrace this subject in their annual reports to the Synod on the state of religion.

3. *Resolved*, That the book published by Rev. C. C. Jones, on the Religious Instruction of the Negroes, be recommended to the attention of our members, as presenting just views of the duty of the Church towards this interesting and dependent part of our population; and that the Catechism prepared by the same brother, and which has passed through several editions, also be recommended as a useful manual to be used in the oral instruction of our servants."

The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University presented their report, which was accepted, and made the order of the day after the other orders should be disposed of.

The order of the day was taken up, (to wit) the election of Directors for the Theological Seminary, when Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Ardis were appointed a committee to receive the votes and declare the result.

The next order of the day was taken up, (viz.) the election of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, when Mr. Banks and Dr. Harris were appointed a committee to receive the votes and declare the result.

The committee to prepare a Pastoral Letter, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Charleston Observer, and in the Appendix to the Minutes; and it also enjoined on all our Ministers to read it to their respective congregations.

The order of the day, (viz.) the report of the committee in relation to the manner in which the funds of the Theological Seminary would be affected in the event of the division of the Synod into two Synods, was taken up; and on motion it was referred, with other papers, to the Board of Directors to report this afternoon.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported that the following Ministers were duly elected, viz: B. Gildersleeve, T. Smyth, D. D., D. McNeil Turner, A. Church, D. D., Edward Palmer, B. M. Palmer, Jr. *Laymen*—Messrs. W. Dearing, B. King, E. A. Nisbet, and Dr. Wells.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of Oglethorpe University, reported that the following Ministers were duly elected, viz: Thos. Smyth, D. D., R. Chamberlain, G. H. W. Petrie, and R. Hooker—and the following per-

sons also are elected, viz: E. A. Nisbet, W. Poe, J. H. Lumpkin, Rev. W. Preston, D. D., and H. V. Johnson, Esq.

The committee to examine the records of Harmony Presbytery, reported that the records be approved. Their report was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Directors of Oglethorpe University was taken up, and after some discussion was again laid on the table until the house shall be more full.

Rev. Messrs. F. R. Goulding, Dr. Howe, and N. A. Pratt, had leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Moderator obtained leave of absence after to-day.

A resolution was reported in reference to the Prospectus of the contemplated publication of the records of the Synod of the Carolinas, which was considered and rejected. Afterwards the following motion was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Synod of the Carolinas, proposed to be published by the Rev. Colin McIver, be recommended to the patronage of the Ministers, Elders, and members of the Presbyterian Church within the bounds of this Synod—and that the copies of the Prospectus now in the house be distributed among the members of Synod, that at their pleasure they may seek subscriptions.

Overture No. 5 was taken up, and unanimously adopted, viz.

"Although this Synod has already unanimously approved of the principles for which the Free Church of Scotland has been contending, and for which she is now separated from the Established Church of the land and become practically a voluntary Church; yet inasmuch as these principles are of paramount importance and ought to be universally and familiarly known, this Synod would again deliver its sentiments respecting them. It is therefore,

Resolved, unanimously, That the Presbyterian Church* has uniformly, in its ecclesiastical constitution, as derived directly from the New Testament, and explicated in all its accredited standards, held forth and embodied as its fundamental ecclesiastical principle—That the Lord Jesus Christ, not only as the co-equal and co-eternal son of the Father, hath a universal kingdom, of which all created beings are subjects, but also as Messiah, the Mediator and Redeemer, the eternal Word, became incarnate, in order, by his perfect obedience and sufferings unto death, to conquer sin, and death, and hell, and the grave, hath obtained, as the fruit and purchase of this mighty conquest, a kingdom, concerning which he him-

* The language of the Resolutions of Separation of the Indian Missionaries of the Church of Scotland, as drawn by Dr. Duff, is substantially adopted.

self testified, saying, "My kingdom is not of this world"—a spiritual kingdom or Church, of which, as redeemed by his own precious blood, and constituted by his express authority, he is the sole Head and Monarch, holding and exercising therein exclusive supremacy in all matters relating to doctrine, discipline, and government, the qualifications, functions, and appointment of its office-bearers, and the rights and liberties of its professing members. That the contest which for some time past has been carried on between the ecclesiastical Establishment of Scotland, on the one part, and the civil courts of the kingdom, whether subordinate or supreme, on the other part, has been one which directly and truly involved, in its fundamental principle and ultimate issues, the exclusive and supreme headship of the Lord Jesus Christ over his Church in all things spiritual, as well as the rights and duties of His ministers and people with respect to all those acts and privileges which are purely ecclesiastical, or which belong to the internal economy and management of His house and temple in the world.

"That the present subsisting Church Establishment of Scotland, by the part which it has taken in the last General Assembly—not to refer to any former proceedings of its leading members—has, in our clear conviction, unduly and unscripturally submitted itself to the unconstitutional dictation of the merely civil power, in regard to acts and privileges purely spiritual and ecclesiastical—and that to such an extent as injuriously to compromise, and sadly to obscure, both those glorious points, the supreme headship of Christ and the spiritual freedom of his body the Church; and thus to leave it almost entirely at the disposal of the State or secular power in many of its most vital and distinctive actings as a constituted branch of the Church universal.

"That, on the other hand, the Free Protesting Presbyterian Church of Scotland, as represented in the acts, declarations, and resolutions of its first Assembly—without referring to the course previously pursued by its leading members—sustain and carry out the faith which we now hold, and have heretofore held, on those grand and important articles already referred to, viz:—The royal prerogatives of Christ's crown and covenant, and the dear-bought privileges of His Church, which may never be yielded up (however they may be resisted or gainsaid,) in any circumstanes, without sin—without a virtual renunciation of the Great Head, and an actual surrender of the birthright of His people.

"That this Synod would therefore declare, as it hereby does, its deliberate conviction that the Free Protesting Presbyterian Church, according to our understanding of the Word

of God, is more purely a Church of Christ; and is also according to our interpretation of the Book of Discipline, the Confession of Faith, and other ratified standards, together with the Acts of Security and the Treaty of Union, more truly the original Church of Scotland, in all that is essentially spiritual and ecclesiastical, than the present subsisting Establishment.

"That we cannot honestly or conscientiously refrain from coming to this practical conclusion, on the ground that at present we are not, in this land, practically affected by the specific modes of interference with the Supreme Headship of Christ, and the rights and liberties of His ministers and people, which have led so unhappily to the disruption of the Church of Scotland, because we feel that this crisis is one of paramount and overwhelming importance to the interest of that Church whose avowed doctrines, discipline, and government, we are solemnly bound to maintain; because we believe the great principles involved in this controversy to be articles of faith, and therefore to be affected neither by lapse of time, nor distance of space, nor difference of outward circumstances; and because we believe that there has been a surrender on the part of the present established church of Scotland, to earthly potentates and to civil magistrates, of these fundamental principles of Gods word and her own original standards; while we as firmly believe that these principles have been nobly maintained, and proclaimed to the world, by the self-sacrificing and now suffering members of the Free Church of Scotland.

"*Resolved*, therefore, finally, That as the Free Church of Scotland has made an appeal to the sympathy and assistance of American Christians, as she is now called on to provide churches for upwards of eight hundred congregations, that this Synod learns with great pleasure that this appeal has been presented to their people in Charleston, and would heartily recommend that similar efforts be made throughout our bounds to raise contributions in aid of the Free Church of Scotland."

Synod then had a recess until 3 o'clock.

Eighth Session.

Three o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and took up the report of the Committee on Education, and on motion it was adopted—and the Committee of last year was re-appointed, together with B. M. Palmer, Jr.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The report on the Select Committe's report, with reference to the division of Synod, was read, accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The Board to whom the papers of the Select Committee were referred, would recommend to Synod that the papers be referred to a Committee appointed by the Board, who shall consider these papers, in connexion with legal counsel, during the adjournment of Synod, which Committee shall revise the constitution of the Seminary and prepare all the alterations necessary therein; make all the arrangements so as to prepare every thing for the action of Synod, so as to facilitate immediate division at our next meeting:—

The following are the committee, to whom it was referred viz.

Dr. T. Smyth, B. Gildersleeve, William Dearing, G. T. Snowden, J. H. Thornwell, Dr. T. Wells, H. Wilson, B. M. Palmer, Jr. Ed. Palmer, S. Donnelly, J. Douglas."

The committee on the Narrative presented their report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Oglethorpe University, be requested to report to the next meeting of the Synod, whether any alteration will become necessary in the existing relations of the University and this Synod; and if any, what alteration will be necessary, in the event of a division of this Synod.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions reported, that they have done so and find that it has been already examined and approved by a committee in Charleston, appointed by the Executive Committee for this purpose, that this Committee join with that, in approving of it, that they find it not only very correct, but neatly and very intelligibly made out by a very able and efficient officer, Mr. James Adger, and beg leave to offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the continued thanks of this body be tendered to James Adger, Esq. for the very able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office and for the very *correct*, *neat*, and *intelligible* manner in which he has again presented his account current with the Southern Board of Foreign Missions for the last year, and that the Stated Clerk be requested to hand a copy of this resolution to him.

The committee on the Report of the Professors of the Seminary reported the following minute, which was adopted, viz:—

They would call the attention of the Synod, and through them of the Presbyteries, that by the requirment of Synod the Students do not complete the Study of Theology till near the end of the third year, and that as a general rule, no application for licensure ought to to be sustained until the course at the Seminary has been completed.

Your committee recommend that the names of those Students who receive pecuniary aid should be published for the encouragement of the churches. Believing that it is the duty of the churches to assist their sons in preparing themselves for the ministry when not able to sustain their own expenses, and the duty of these young men to receive such assistance, and that this arrangement is alike honorable and Christian, they cannot recognize the propriety of any feelings which would shrink from the publication of the fact.

Resolved, also, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Professors, and in view of the contemplated division of the Synod, the Synod be requested to add the names of the Professors to the committee, whose duty it shall be to amend the Laws and Constitution of the Seminary, to report them fully written out and amended, to the next Synod, that they may then be published in their amended form for the use of the Synod and of the Students in the Seminary.

The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University presented the following report :

The late graduating class consisted of nine members, seven of whom were admitted to the first degree, and two received testimonials of having creditably completed and of having sustained a satisfactory examination on the irregular course provided for by the rules of the institution. The commencement exercises afforded gratifying evidence of proficiency in scholarship highly satisfactory to the Board, and such as produced a deep impression upon the large and intelligent audience in attendance.

The number of students during the college year just closed, was forty in the College department, twenty in the preparatory School, and nine in attendance on the Law Lectures.

The conduct of the students has been orderly and exemplary in the highest degree. Not a single case of discipline has been required during the year. Their habits of study and order, we have reason to believe are unsurpassed elsewhere, thus exemplifying the power of religious and moral training as an element in securing discipline and mental progress.

But little has been effected during the year in diminishing the indebtedness of the Board.

Professor Mallard has been compelled to resign his chair from feebleness of health.

The Synod of Alabama at its late meeting elected the Rev. Thomas S. Witherspoon with great unanimity and enthusiasm to the Alabama Professorship in place of Professor Brumby, previously appointed, but who declined. That Synod has adopted measures, which, it is confidently believed will promptly secure the endowment in that State. The Board would ask of the Synod a confirmation of the election of the Synod of Alabama.

The Rev. Mr. Turner having declined the appointment to the South Carolina Professorship, the Board have, after conferring with the members of Synod from that State, elected W. P. Finley, Esqr., in behalf of South Carolina, as Professor of Belles Lettres and Mental Philosophy, and respectfully ask of the Synod a confirmation of the election.

The Board feel more strongly impressed by their experiment thus far with the entire feasibility and the incalculable importance to the interests of religion and of education of carrying forward to consummation the great work in which they are engaged. We are satisfied our limited and imperfect trial has already strongly illustrated the advantage of our plan of action. It guarantees a decidedly religious discipline and instruction, so essential to the safe government of youth. It secures the supervission, the care and the prayers of the church for the blessing of God without which all efforts are vain, and which we have no reason to expect but in answer to prayer.

The plan but carries out the spirit and example of the reformed churches for centuries past. The Presbyterian church has always regarded the religious training of her children as among her most urgent and imperative duties, and at no point of education is this system more demanded than at the age our children are absent at college.

We are laboring in this work in behalf of our own children and the children of our brethren, who think and feel as we do, that the Church is bound by the most solemn obligations to secure literary institutions of her own of high character, where the youth of the Church may be trained up in the way of their fathers—where the claims of religion may be impressed with all their paramount weight upon the youthful heart—and where we shall not be liable to be at the mercy of the world, to say to what extent and in what manner our children shall receive religious instruction.

The Report was accepted and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, be and hereby is adopted ; and that the Synod approve and confirm the election of Rev. Thos. S. Witherspoon, to the Alabama Professorship ; and of W. P. Finley, Esq. in behalf of the South Carolina Churches, to the Professorship of Belles Lettres and Mental Philosophy ; and the churches of South Carolina are earnestly recommended, so soon as the same may be practicable, to raise the money necessary, to sustain the last named gentleman.

The thanks of the Synod are tendered to the citizens of Augusta for their hospitality—and that the Elders of the Church be requested to communicate our grateful acknowledgements to them in the way which they may deem most expedient.

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held in the Church at Columbia, on the 2d Thursday of December, 1844.

An Executive Committee of Missions, consisting of T. Smyth, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, H. Wilson, William Adger, George Moffett, William Harrall, and D. W. Harrison, were re-appointed.

A Publishing Committee was appointed consisting of B. Gildersleeve and T. Smyth, with directions to have 500 copies printed in the usual form and distributed among the Ministers and Churches.

Synod then adjourned to meet at Columbia, on the second Thursday of December, 1844, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing and prayer.

J. S. WILSON, *Moderator.*

B. Gildersleeve, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

Officers.

WILLIAM DEARING, Esq. President.
Rev. CHARLES C. JONES, Vice-President.
Rev B. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.
WILLIAM LAW, (Columbia,) Treasurer.

Board of Directors.

Directors for Three Years.

Ministers.—B. Gildersleeve, A. Church, D. D., D. M'Neil Turner, T. Smyth, Edward Palmer, and B. M. Palmer, Jr.

Laymen.—William Dearing, E. A. Nisbet, B. King, and Dr. T. Wells.

For Two Years.

Ministers.—C. C. Jones, D. Humphreys, I. S. K. Axson, S. K. Talmage, J. Douglass, and John Jones.

Laymen.—G. T. Snowden, of Columbia; Hugh Wilson, of Wadmalaw; W. L. Mitchell, of Athens; and D. C. Campbell, of Macon.

For One Year.

Ministers.—J. H. Thornwell, G. H. W. Petrie, J. S. Wilson, S. Donnelly, T. R. English, N. Hoyt, D. D.

Laymen.—Job Johnson of Newbury, S. C.; Wm. Shear, Augusta, Ga.; Gen. J. N. Whitner, of Anderson, S. C.; and Dr. Glenn.

Faculty.

Rev. G. HOWE, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.

Rev. A. W. LELAND, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology.

——— ———, Professor of Church History and Polity.

Augusta, (*Ga.*,) *Nov.* 30, 1843. }
Thursday, 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary met, according to adjournment, William Dearing in the Chair, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Smyth. B. M. Palmer, Jr., was appointed the Secretary of the meeting.

Present.

Ministers.—A. Church, D. D., N. Hoyt, D. D., Thomas Smyth, D. D., J. Douglas, J. S. Wilson, B. M. Palmer, Jr.
Elders.—Wm. Dearing, G. T. Snowden.

Absent.

Ministers—C. C. Jones, D. Humphreys, I. S K. Axson, S. K. Talmage, John Jones, J. H. Thornwell, G. H. W. Petrie, S. Donnelly, T. R. English, B. Gildersleeve, D. McNeil Turner.
Elders.—Hugh Wilson, W. L. Mitchell, D. C. Campbell, Job Johnson, Wm. Shear, J. N. Whitner, Dr. Glenn, E. A. Nisbet, B. King, Dr. T. Wells, William Law.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read, the following Committees were appointed.
Committee on Audits.—G. T. Snowden and Rev. Mr. Douglas.
Committee of Ways and Means.—E. A. Nisbet, G. T. Snowden, William Shear, Rev. Mr. Talmage, and Rev. Mr. Wilson.
Committee of Laws and Regulations.—Dr. Smyth, Dr. Hoyt, and B. M. Palmer, Jr.
Committee on Buildings.—Rev. B. Gildersleeve and Mr. Snowden.
The Treasurer's Report was received, and referred to the Committee of Audits.
The reports of the Investing Committees were received, and referred to the Committee of Audits.
The Report of the Professors was referred to the Committee of Laws and Regulations.
The Librarian's Report was referred to Dr. Smyth and Dr. Church, and his Account to the Committee of Audits.
A letter from William Law, Esq. the Treasurer, was read and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.
A recess was then moved to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Dec. 1—7 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Board met, at the call of the President. Present as above, together with B. Gildersleeve, C. C. Jones, and S. K. Talmage. The minutes were read.

The Secretary reported to the Board that the late Mrs. Mary La Roche, of Charleston, had bequeathed to the Theological Seminary of the Synod the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, and that the Executors proposed to close the bequest at once, and thereby confer upon the Seminary the advantage of nearly a year's interest on the amount. This proposal has been readily accepted, and the bond for the same, duly executed and amply secured, is in the hands of the Secretary.

The interest on the above will be payable next April or May. This report was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

B. M. Palmer, appointed Clerk in consequence of the absence of the Secretary, begged leave to resign the papers into the hands of the Secretary now present. Leave was granted.

The Professors' Report was taken up and read. The portion of it relating to the buildings was referred to the Committee of Buildings—and that portion relating to the internal state of the Seminary, was referred to the Committee of Laws and Regulations.

The Executive Committee reported, that they have disposed of half of the lot belonging to the Seminary, at $1000, which report was accepted.

The Executive Committee was authorized to dispose of the unsold portion of the same lot, and was invested with the same discretionary powers in relation to it as before.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Professors be requested to lay before the Board the minutes of the regular meetings of the Faculty of the Seminary.

The President, William Dearing, Esq., obtained leave of absence.

The Board had then a recess to meet at the call of the Vice-President.

Monday Morning.

The Board met, at the call of the Vice-President.—Present—C. C. Jones, Vice-President; B. Gildersleeve, Secretary; Dr. Church, Dr Hoyt, Dr. Smyth, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Donnelly Mr. Petrie, B. M. Palmer, Jr., S. K. Talmage, G. T. Snowden, and Edward Palmer, a newly elected member.

James McDowell and John Moore, Esq, were re-appointed Investing Committee for the funds formerly in the hands of William Dearing.

Resolved, That the dividend in stock of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company, consisting of two and five tenth shares, be added to the permanent fund, and included with the certificate of stock when the transfer shall be made.

The committee on the Professors' and Librarian's Report, presented their report, recommending that they be approved, which was adopted.

The Board agreed upon the following report to be submitted to the Synod, (viz.)

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, offer to the Synod, as their report for the year now brought to a close, the following summary from their proceedings and the documents on their files.

In relation to the Funds.

The Treasurer's Report has been audited and found correct, and from which it appears that he has received and disbursed, on the general account, $4448 30; and on account of interest on Mrs. Hall's bond for buildings, $1352 03: leaving due Law & Ellison, $513 53; and on the bond, $8000 —(which has been since reduced to $7000.)

The grateful aeknowledgements of the Board are tendered to Mr. Law, not only for the laborious services which he has gratuitously rendered to the Institution, but for the promptness with which he has at all times generously made advances when needed, in anticipation of future receipts.

An addition has been made during the year, to the permanent fund, of a bequest from the late Mrs. Mary La Roche, of Charleston, of two thousand dollars, ($2000;) and the Board has also added to the permanent fund the dividend in stock on twenty-five Shares of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company, amounting to two and five-tenth Shares, or $250.

The amount of permanent funds as now invested in South Carolina, estimated at their par value, as per Mr. Snowden's report, (including the investment of $2,000,) Mrs. La Roche's bequest, the bond for which is in the hands of the Secretary, is	$26,920 12
Permanent funds in Georgia, as per Col. D. C. Campbell's report,	18,090 03
Per Mr. Dearing's report,	13,173 67
Additional investment, Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company,	250 00
	$58,433

Scholarships.

1. The Scholarship of the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Education Society.
2. The Nephew Scholarship.
3. The Lanneau Scholarship.
4. The Telfair Timothy Scholarship, not yet received.

These all remain as per last year's report.

The estimates for the year, as per the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means, is as follows, (viz.)

For balance Professor's salaries to 1st Oct. last,	$184 79
For balance of Note in Commercial Bank,	350 00
For balance due Law & Ellison, 1st December, interest on the money borrowed to pay the interest on the Bond to Mrs S. C. Hall,	513 53
	$1,048 32
There will be claims on the Treasury during the coming year. as follows:	
Interest on the Bond to Mrs. Hall, the principal of which is now reduced to $7000, and the interest payable in April,	500 00
Professor's salaries,	4000 00
Contingent expenses for repairs, insurance, &c. supposed to be about	300 00
	$5,848 32
To meet which there is and may be, (viz.)—	
Monies collected for interest on investments in Georgia since Treasurer's Report.	$1,363 23
Interest which will be paid on or before the 1st of January,	586 25
Interest on investments in South Carolina and Georgia, whole amount $55,683 82, at 8 per cent, is	4.448 70
Amount of interest yet to be collected on Georgia Investments, in addition to the above, about	1200 00
	$7,598 18

From the foregoing statement it will appear that in case the interest money on our investments, which are past due, and those that will become due during the present financial year, and all received into the treasury, there will be a surplus of $1,749 86, over and above the regular drafts on the treasury. But as the collection of all these cannot be relied upon, your Committee think, however, from the statements made in the several reports of our Investing Committees, that a suffi-

cient amount will most probably be received to cover all the demands on the Treasury.

Real Estate.

The Real Estate of the Seminary is the same as last year, with the exception of the unimproved half of the lot to the east of the Seminary Buildings, which the Executive Committee, as authorized by the Board, sold for $1000, and applied the same to the reduction of Mrs. Hall's Bond from $8000 to $7000. And the Committee has been authorized by the Board to sell the other half of the Lot, on which there is a house, and apply the proceeds in the same way.

The Professor's Report.

The subjoined Report of the Professors exhibits the internal state of the Seminary for the year:

"The Professsrs of the Theological Seminary, in presenting to the Board of Directors their annual Report, would make mention of the divine goodness, by which their own health, and that of most of the students, has been continued without abatement through the year; and the exercises of the institution have been conducted with order, and free from interruption. The only considerable change which has taken place in our arrangements is that ordered by the Directors last year, by which the study of Theology has been extended over the senior year, and equally divided between the second and third years of the student's course. The Presbyteries should understand that by this arrangement, no student completes the course of Doctrinal Theology till near the close of the third year: and that if any apply for licensure before that time, they apply without having studied under us the course of theology which is pursued here, and required by our book of discipline.

The following students have been connected with the Institution during the past year:

Richard Q. Way—Candidate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

Edward Anderson—Graduate of Franklin College.
James R. Baird—Graduate of Davidson College.
William Curtis—Minister of Baptist Church, Columbia.
William D. Flinn—Graduate of Davidson College.
Joseph Gibert—Graduate of Davidson College.
Homer Hendee— " Oglethorpe University.
Ezekiel F. Hyde— " Union College.
William Moore— " Davidson "
William Smith— " Union "

Chas. B. Steward—Candidate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Chas. A. Stillman—Graduate of Oglethorpe University.

G. W. Boggs—Candidate of Presbytery of South Carolina.

Savage Smith Gaillard—" " "

Joseph Flemming—Graduate of Charleston College.

Henry W. Henderson—Candidate of Presbytery of South Carolina.

J. B. Hillhouse—" " "

James R. McCarter—Graduate of Franklin College.

Robert H. Lafferty— " Washington College.

John McLees—Candidate of Presbytery of South Carolina.

Henry Newton—Graduate of Franklin College.

John Winn Quarterman—" " "

Richard E. Sherrill— " Davidson College.

In all, twenty-three. Of these, Mr. Richard Q. Way nearly completed the full course of study, but left a few weeks before the close of the senior year, that he might make preparations to go on a Foreign Mission, to which he felt himself called by the Head of the Church. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Charleston in Sept. last, as an Evangelist, to preach the Gospel in the Kingdom of Siam; whither he proceeds with the consent of Presbytery. under the patronage of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. William Moore, after the close of his second year, was licensed as a Preacher of the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Bethel, but will remain a portion of next year, pursuing his studies at the Seminary. Another of our studens, Mr. Henderson, has suspended his studies for the present, in consequence of very feeble health; but will return, should his health be re-established.

Three others have connected themselves with the Seminary since the commencement of this term, Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Mr. —— Savage, and Mr. Thomas Summer Winn —making our number, at the present time, 24. We hope to receive two or three more by the first of January next; but in this hope we may be disappointed.

The exercises of the Seminary have been the same as we have mentioned in our reports in previous years; the diligence of the students commendable; their conduct, as we believe, exemplary; and the tone of piety we think higher than for two or three years past.

Our last year's studies closed in July, with the usual annual examination, which was attended by a Committee from the Presbyteries of Harmony and Bethel, and by two others, members of the Board of Directors. The evenings, during the examination, were spent in appropriate public exercises.

The Professors would direct the attention of the Board to

the dilapidated state of the fences around the Seminary lot, which now need to be reconstructed in whole, or, for the most part, with new materials. The refectory too, requires enlargement, and the addition of some conveniences greatly needed.

A new edition of the Laws of the Seminary should be printed forthwith, for the use of the students; and, for this end, the Constitution should be revised and altered in some few particulars, which the Professors will point out, if the Board shall desire it.

The Professors have not been able to furnish the Library with those text books for the use of the students, of which we spoke in our report last year; and still feel that a sufficient number of these, furnished for the students free of cost, would be of great utility to the Institution.

Praying that the Board of Directors, and the Synod, may be guided with wisdom from above, in all their deliberations on the deeply important subject of Ministerial education, we subscribe ourselves,

Your fellow laborers and servants in this good cause,

GEO. HOWE,

A. W. LELAND.

Theological Seminary, Columbia, Nov. 23, 1843."

In accordance with the suggestion in the above report, the Executive Committee in Columbia are authorized to make all needed repairs.

The Library.

The State of the Library may be gatheted from the subjoined Report, from which it appears that the excellent collection of books before reported, has received an increase of nearly 200 other valuable works.

" The Committee to whom was referred the Librarian's report, would recommend its approval, and the payment of the account furnished for binding works, and the purchase of necessary periodicals and postage of $54 35.

Your committee would notice with great pleasure the fact, that 183 volumes, many of them very valuable, were presented by the 2d Presbyterian Church in Charleston, S. C. as their annual donation to the Seminary; and also six volumes from other sources—making the number of volumes now in the Library 4109.

They would call the attention of our churches to the importance of increasing the Library; and would earnestly solicit the gift of money or of books for this purpose."

The Board have been together, but at very brief intervals during the meeting of Synod; and on this account their report

is less full than they could desire. It deserves to be recorded with devout thanksgiving to God, that the Seminary, in these times of pecuniary embarrassment and defalcation, has lost nothing of her funds beyond the depreciation in the value of stocks, and that the investments in bonds are all believed to be perfectly good.

In behalf of the Board of Directors,

B. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.

This report was accepted and adopted by the Synod.

The Board then had a recess to meet at the call of the Secretary.

Monday Evening.

The Board met at the call of the Secretary, and reappointed the Executive Committee of last year, with the addition of Rev. B. M. Palmer, jr. and also the standing Building Committee.

The officers of last year were also re-elected.

They then adjourned to meet in Columbia on the 2d Thursday of December, 1844, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, Sec'ry.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion with the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Dec. 1843.

The Committee on the Narrative of Religion submit the following as their report:

In compliance with a custom both salutary and long established, the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia present to the churches under their care the following Narrative of the state of religion within their bounds.

In consequence of the want of any official Report from *two*; and also of the defective Reports of *several* of the Presbyteries, we can not give a full and entirely satisfactory view of this interesting and momentous subject. But such as we have received we freely give. Passing over the moral field committed to our care, by the aid of the Presbyterial lights afforded us, we see on the one hand, many things calculated to cheer our hearts, and on the other, many which cannot fail to depress the spirits of all Zion's friends. We see green spots, trees decked with blossoms or laden with rich fruits; we see the grain ripening unto the harvest, waving beneath the gentle breeze of heaven, while the pure, ceaseless waters of the flowing rill, sweetly murmur at our feet. Then again, we see wide wastes of desolate, arid land. The ground is parched, vegetation stinted, and the streams have ceased to flow. A blight and a mildew have withered all.

Looking in one direction, we rejoice and praise God to see the labourers who went forth weeping, bearing precious seed, returning with joy, bringing their sheaves with them.

Looking in another direction, we see either no labourers at all, or else a few overtasked, scattered, and far between, toiling, and weeping, and sinking unsustained except by the Divine pledge, beneath the burthen and heat of the day.

Looking in one direction we see light; the day dawns, yea more, the sun has arisen and cast his cheering beams over the land. Looking in another direction, we behold either the darkness of night, or at best, but the dim twilight.

The Presbytery of South Carolina report an increasing attachment among their churches, to those great, leading doctrines of grace which Jesus Christ and his apostles delivered to the Saints, for which the martyrs bled and died, for which the Reformers so earnestly contended, and for which many of our forefathers suffered the spoiling of their goods, banishment from their country, and the sacrifice of their lives.—Unanimity prevails among the different churches, and a pleasing attention is paid to the catechetical instruction of children and also of the colored population. Bethany church has been blessed with a precious out-pouring of the Divine Spirit which resulted in the hopeful conversion of 25 persons.

North Pacolet and Roberts' churches have also been somewhat revived, and received during the year large additions to their numbers. Amidst these mercies which are gratefully recorded by that Presbytery, those brethren mourn over unhallowed desecrations of the Sabbath, by visiting, travelling, &c.—over the countenance given to fashionable amusements by some professing to be Christians—as also over the want of systematic, persevering action in carrying out recognized important plans of benevolence.

The Presbytery of Harmony report that among a large proportion of their churches, there exists a spirit of brotherly love and kindness, which appears to have for its basis a cordial love for the truth. Increased attention is paid to the religious instruction of the colored population, which has been crowned "with marked success." It is stated as probable that a majority of those added to their churches during the year has been of this class. In most of their congregations, Sabbath Schools are sustained, so as to be increasingly useful. Additions to the churches, in general, have been small, though upon a few of their congregations, they say "the dews of divine grace have descended." That Presbytery express deep regret and heart-felt sorrow that in *some* of their churches there are lamentable dissentions among brethren, a decided want of that brotherly kindness and "forbearance which the law of love demands." The Synod would express a sincere desire, and offer a fervent prayer to God that those beloved brethren whose peace has been marred by the above mentioned cause, may be baptized with the sanctifying spirit of that charity which suffereth long and is kind, which is not easily provoked, which thinketh no evil, which seeketh not her own, which beareth all things, which hopeth all things, endureth all things, and which rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

The report from Bethel Presbytery is not very full. We learn, however, that the churches generally are striving to

walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless ; that while no decided and extensive outporings of the Holy Spirit have been experienced, by the blessing of God upon the preaching of his word, respectable numbers have been added to most, if not all their churches. Owing to special " adverse causes," we regret to learn that *some* of the benevolent operations of that Presbytery, have not, during the past year, been as prosperous as usual. We hope and pray that the Spirit that quickeneth, may descend upon them in copious effusions, that the chariot wheels of salvation may move on unimpeded.

The report from Flint River Presbytery, is, on the whole, of rather a cheering character. Though the field is large, and the laborers few, yet there appears to be a commendable spirit of zeal, love, and activity, among many of their churches. Some of their Sabbath Schools are flourishing ; the cause of Temperance is advancing ; the subject of Foreign and Domestic Missions, though criminally neglected by vast multitudes of their members, is manifestly appreciated by others, who do for the perishing heathen more than to say, " Be ye warmed and be ye filled." There are extensive moral deserts within the bounds of this Presbytery, the very sight of which must make every pious heart bleed. Most of that populous, interesting, but destitute section, called the Cherokee Country, lies within the Flint River Presbytery. There the harvest is truly great, while the laborers are few. But it affords us pleasure to learn that upon several of the feeble churches within this section during the past year, refreshing showers of divine grace have descended. The churches of Pleasant Green, Walnut Grove, Sardis, and Dogwood Valley, have all been blessed. The wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad, and the desert has rejoiced and blossomed as the rose. The following churches not lying withiu the Cherokee Country, have also shared richly in the precious effusions of the Holy Spirit, viz : Decatur, Fellowship, Lagrange, and Eben-ezer. Columbus and Newnan churches have likewise been somewhat revived and enlarged.

In many of their congregations there is a growing attachment to the duties and the privileges of the Sanctuary ; and the faith and zeal of God's people, it is hoped, are increasing. With much feeling and anguish of spirit, however, that Presbytery reported that in consequence of the extreme paucity of Ministers, in some cases, their destitute churches have not heard the voice of a Presbyterian preacher for the space of *one* and even *two* years. Sitting in solitude, and surrounded by a howling wilderness, Zion's sons and daughters, for whom Christ died, lift up their voices and cry, " O Lord,

how long?" "By whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small?"

We rejoice to learn that Flint River Presbytery has resolved to send into their extensive, whitening field, as soon as practicable, two Missionaries and one Evangelist.*

The churches in the Presbytery of Georgia, which are blessed with regular pastoral ministrations, and by Divine favor enjoying peace and harmony among themselves; family religion is maintained; Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meetings, to a considerable extent, are kept up, and that notwithstanding the occasional absence of the Pastors; and the benevolent operations of the day, in *some* of their churches, are liberally sustained.

Powerful revivals of religion they cannot report; and yet there have been additions to their churches of such as they hope will be saved.

Protracted meetings, held by appointment of Presbytery in the St. Marys and Linton Grove Churches, appear to have been precious reviving seasons, which left a heavenly savour upon the hearts and the minds of many of God's people who were privileged to be present. In the Bryan Church the labors bestowed upon the coloured people have been manifestly blessed. Twenty, at least, in that Church have been found, during the year, inquiring the way to Zion; and seventeen now stand as "candidates for baptism and Church membership."

The labors of the indefatigable Missionary to the Negroes in that Presbytery, have been crowned, as usual, with flattering success. That devoted brother has preached to full, solemn, and attentive congregations. The Sabbath School has been well attended, and over one hundred, at the different stations, have solemnly inquired of him "what they must do to be saved?"

The Synod would here express an ardent wish that all the Presbyteries under our care would speedily imitate the noble example of the Presbytery of Georgia in reference to the religious instruction of the colored population. Most solemn responsibilities rest upon us in reference to the moral condition of that interesting, that too much neglected people.

The Presbytery of Hopewell express great gratitude to God for his distinguishing love to them during the past year, especially, in sparing all their ministers, and crowning the labors of some of them with abundant success. Their Sabbath Schools appear to be in a prosperous condition; more attention than formerly is paid to the religious instruction of children, and also of the coloured people, and the cause of Tempe-

* This new country is now formed into a Presbytery called *Cherokee*.

rance, it is believed, is taking a deep and permanent hold, especially upon the youth. While the brethren of that Presbytery have reason in common with others, to sigh and mourn over destitute, neglected churches, the paucity of ministers, the worldliness, the covetousness, and the apathy of many church members, the hardness and stupidity of sinners, yet have they great reason to rejoice and be glad that the great Head of the Church has so signally revived his work in many of their churches during the year now closing.

At Madison, Morgan Co., while the Presbytery were in session in April last, some heavenly influences descended upon the ministers and the people. Numbers were solemnly impressed, and two young ladies were brought to rejoice in hope, and not long afterward connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church.

In May, a protracted meeting commenced at Greenesboro', whose results were glorious. In Madison, the Day-Star had been seen. In Greenesboro' the full-orbed Sun appeared — Where a few weeks before, all had been dead, and dark, and cold, where worldliness and gaiety and spiritual stupidity had prevailed until the hearts of Pastor and people were almost crushed in view of Zion's desolations, there the Spirit of God came down in mighty, in overwhelming power.

The stupid were brought to feel, the prayerless to pray, the blind to see, the dead to arise. God's people awoke from their long slumbers, and prayed and toiled as if they believed the Bible.

The meeting continued with increasing interest almost to the last hour, for 15 days during which time not far from 50 persons, mostly young people, were brought to rejoice in hope. Of these, 23 have since connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church, and thus far give the most pleasing evidence that the work of grace in their hearts is of a solid character. Most, if not all the other converts, have joined the Methodist or Baptist Churches. It is proper here to remark that during the progress of the meeting, the Methodists and Baptists manifested by the labours of some of their ministers, by their punctual attendance at the House of God, and by their fervent prayers, the greatest cordiality towards the good work. The result was that many of their families was signally blessed.

Shortly after the close of the meeting in Greenesboro, another commenced in Athens, where at the time, all was as a valley of dry bones.

The labourers, in part, were those who had been in Greenesboro; and it was soon evident that the Spirit of the Lord was upon *them*, if not upon the people. Among some of the young

people tokens for good soon appeared. Truth began to take effect upon the hearts of many, who a few days before seemed hard and stupid. The preachers found themselves amidst a deeply serious, though not large, circle of anxious enquirers. This meeting continued about 11 or 12 days when it appeared that 14 persons were indulging hope, all of whom have since joined the Presbyterian Church. One of these is a member of Franklin College.

Late in the season protracted meetings were held at Mount Zion, at Eatonton, at Salem, in Wilkes County, and at Thyatira, in Jackson County, all of which were abundantly and extensively blessed, to the edification of God's people, and to the conversion of sinners. In a word, at each of these places, there was a powerful work of Divine grace. At Mt. Zion 15 were hopefully converted, and joined the Church.— At Eatonton a Presbyterian Church was organized of 20 members. At Salem about 20 ventured to indulge a hope, 9 of whom were added to the Church. At Thyatira the good work was marked and powerful. It was a Pentecostal season not soon to be forgotten by those who were present.— It was the power of a good God, and not the management of man, which produced such astonishing results in six days. For the sake of convenience the people encamped upon the ground; and it was delightful to witness the order, stillness, and the profound attention to a preached word which pervaded the extensive encampment. The spontaneous language of hundreds, if not thousands of souls, appeared to be, "How dreadful is this place! It is none other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven." Three thousand were supposed to be present on Sabbath morning. And yet in that vast assembly the preacher who addressed them on that occasion, could see but one person whose countenance wore a smile of indifference. Many of the most stout hearted yielded to the power of plain, simple, Gospel truth. Since the commencement of that interesting meeting, nearly 40 have been received into the church at that place, though several of these have been transferred to other Presbyterian churches to which they more naturally belong.

At Crawfordsville a Presbyterian church has been recently organized, consisting of 11 members.

Upon the colored part of the Presbyterian congregation of Macon heavenly influences have descended, and 17 have united with the Church.

From the Presbyteries of Charleston and Flint River, no official report has been received. We learn, however, incidentally, that the churches of the Presbytery of Charleston are enjoying peace and harmony among themselves, that many

of their Sabbath Schools are in a flourishing condition, that a most delightful Missionary spirit is being diffused, and already developing its happy fruits among many of their youth and children, and that in some of their churches the cause of benevolence, in its various branches, is most liberally and cordially sustained. We have reason to hope, in the absence of a regular report that the churches generally within their bounds are in a prosperous condition.

From the Chairman of the present Committee, who spent a part of last winter and springs in Florida, we receive the pleasing intelligence that in the mouth of March last, the city of Tallahassee was visited with one of the most deeply interesting, powerful revivals of religion of which any record has been made within our bounds for many years. As a full account of this has been already published by the brother who gives the intelligence, the Synod purpose not to dwell long upon the subject.

Suffice it to say that the revival commenced in the Presbyterian Church at a protracted meeting, which lasted 19 days. Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, and Baptists, were harmoniously engaged in the exercises of that meeting, and all were abundantly blessed.

The work was solemn, deep, and powerful; and it numbers among its happy subjects some of the most influential people in the place. Since the commencement of that memorable meeting, about 35 persons have been received into the Presbyterian church of Tallahassee. Though that branch of Zion now weeps bitterly over the dust of a departed Ruling Elder, Dr. William W. Waddel; though in the death of this useful, active member, she sustains a great loss which she must long sensibly feel, yet, amidst her complicated afflictions and trials, has she reason to be grateful to a beneficent God for what He has done for her.

But we have to lament not merely the death of a valuable Ruling Elder, but also that of six of our ordained Ministers. "The Fathers, where are they? and the Prophets, do they live forever?" Since our last report, Rev. William H Barr and Rev. John D. Wilson, of the Presbytery of South Carolina, Rev. John Brown, D. D., of the Presbytery of Florida, Rev. James S. Adams, of the Presbytery of Bethel, Rev. Aaron Buist, of the Presbytery of Charleston, and Rev. George M'Coy of the Presbytery of Flint River, have all ceased from their earthly labors and entered into their rest.

In the death of these beloved fathers and brethren, with whom we formerly took sweet counsel, and went unto the house of God in company, we hear the solemn voice of Divine admonition saying to us all, as Ministers, Elders, and

private members, "Work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work." "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

And now that our numbers are diminished, our ranks thinned; now that some of the old standard-bearers have fallen, it remains for those left upon the field to gird on the panoply of their King, "the whole armour of God," and to fight the good fight of faith with increased zeal, energy, and perseverance, until God shall say to us, thy work is done, "come up higher."

J. S. WILSON, *Moderator.*

PASTORAL LETTER

Of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, to the Churches under its care. Adopted December 4th, 1843.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord—

Assembled in the name and by the authority of Jesus, the only, and ever living Head of the Church, and having humbly sought the guidance of his Spirit, we are constrained by an affectionate regard for your welfare, to bring to your remembrance certain considerations touching a very important branch of Christian duty and privilege. And may the God of grace incline your hearts to receive, in the spirit of meekness and of love, "the word of exhortation." You are not now to be instructed "in the first principles of the Gospel of Christ," for these have been presented before you with "line upon line and precept upon precept." You are not now to be told, as though it were a new truth, that the Kingdom of the Redeemer is destined to be co-extensive with the habitations of man, for that is confirmed by the promise and the oath of *Him* who is immutable in his purposes of *mercy*. Nor need you be assured that the grand instrument chosen of God for effecting this desirable object is His own blessed word—that Gospel which brings life and immortality to light—and which is represented as "the Sword of the Spirit," by which glorious conquests are achieved in the name of the "great Captain of our Salvation." The field of Christian effort is the broad world, which has long been whitening for the harvest. And it behooves every one of us to inquire whether the Lord of the harvest does not demand of us some service in gathering the sheaves into his garner. Has he bought us with a price—has he redeemed us with his blood—has he given us a name and a place among his people—has he ascended on high to provide for our reception in his kingdom of glory—and has his word accompanied by the demonstration of his Spirit, been the instrumental cause of that priceless hope which we fondly indulge?—How then can we be indifferent to his command—to his *unrepealed* command to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every crea-

ture?" Common gratitude demands that we should ask of such a benefactor what he would have us to do. And the slightest intimation of his will should prompt us to the immediate and entire consecration of ourselves to his service.—That you will assent to the principles thus advanced, we do not hesitate to believe. But the question may occur as to the direction which is to be given to your efforts. And this may be solved by asking counsel at his throne, and by attentively considering the dispensations of his Providence. Amid the multiplicity of demands upon your resources, personal and pecuniary, for objects immediately around you, it is your privilege to look abroad and contrast your condition with that of the perishing heathen. And when you shall have asked "Who hath made you to differ," will you not also be prompted to ask whether you are not bound to exercise self-denial that you may aid in furnishing the bread of life to the miserably destitute? In considering the subject, let the position be reversed—and let yours be the darkness and the misery and the desolation which is the heathen's inheritance. And then judge whether Christian men, with Christian privileges and Christian hopes, and Christian joys, should pass you by without one look of compassion, or one effort to relieve you from your perilous state. The example of the early disciples of Christ is a comment upon the duty which is demanded of us. They who had been delivered from the intolerable yoke of the ceremonial law, and they who had been turned from the service of dumb idols to the worship of the living God, exhibited views and affections greatly enlarged—embracing not merely their kindred according to the flesh, nor yet the land in which they lived, but the world; and for the conversion of the world to Christ, they labored, they prayed, and they gave of their substance to the extent—nay, even beyond their ability. But we do not urge you to the full exercise of this self-sacrificing spirit. We do not prescribe to you the full measure of your duty. But we are bound to remind you that "he who soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he who soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully," that "the Lord loveth the cheerful giver"—and that his Word abounds with assurances that what is thus lent to Him will be returned with manifold increase.

But it is time, Dear Brethren, that we should give to these observations a practical bearing. We would, therefore, earnestly recommend.

1. That your pastors, in rightly dividing the word of truth so as to give to every one a portion in due season, should present before you the Missionary character of the Apostolic Churches, as an illustration of the manner in which they regarded

the command of their ascended Redeemer, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. The Divine authority for the Missionary work may thus be more fully understood, and the example, under the teaching of the inspired Apostles, may provoke to emulation our own churches.

2. That your pastors and Elders take special pains to gather and diffuse information in relation to the openings, in the Providence of God, for the spread of the Gospel. Particular notice should be taken of the positions occupied by our own Church in foreign lands, where they have undertaken to erect the standard of the cross. And that the stations, and the names, and the labors, and the success, and the wants, and the prospects of our Missionaries may be known, we would recommend the circulation of the Missionary Chronicle and the Foreign Missionary, and such other religious papers as are in the habit of publishing Missionary Intelligence—so that whatever is done in the cause may proceed from an intelligent view of the entire subject.

3. That the members of our churches and congregations be requested—every one for himself—to set apart the amount which he can freely and cheerfully give in a year for the promotion of this cause, and that a record of their names and amounts be kept by the officer of the church who acts as the Treasurer, and whose duty it is to receive and remit the same. And let none hesitate to give whose means are limited. For it is accepted of God, according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not. Or if weekly, or monthly, or quarterly contributions be preferred, let it be done in that way which will tend most to the glory of God, and the extention of this holy enterprise.

4. That the monthly concert of prayer be observed, so that at stated intervals the subject may be brought before the minds of the people, and that special supplication may be made by the entire Church, for the enlargement of the Kingdom of Christ, remembering that the blessings of Covenant are in answer to prayer, and remembering also that with our prayers, our alms should come up as a memorial before God.

5 That the children and youth of our congregations be encouraged to co-operate in this great work. And where it can be done, and where a willing mind is discovered, let the more intelligent of them be furnished with a card, on which to place the names of those who may contribute to the cause, with the amounts given—and though the monthly or quarterly contributions from this source may be small, in the aggregate they will be large, even far exceeding the calculation of those who are not in the habit of looking to this source of supply—and more than this, the benefit to the youth them-

selves thus engaged, it is impossible fully to estimate. It will tend directly to enlarge their views, and expand their hearts, and hallow their affections, and to teach them effectually the great end of their being,—the glory of God, and the salvation of the soul. And,

Finally, That as in the construction of the tabernacle in the wilderness, the daughters of Israel effectually contributed by their gifts and by the labor of their hands to its beauty, and ornament, and completion, so in the kingdom of Christ, they who were "last at the cross and first at the sepulchre," should be led to inquire what the Lord requires at their hands in sustaining this holy cause. Let the daughters of Zion reflect upon what they owe to the gospel, and as they look abroad upon the wretched condition of their heathen sisters, let the promptings of their judgements and feelings dictate the amount of effort which they should make in this glorious cause.

Such, dear brethren, is the particular object of this pastoral address. May you all receive it in the spirit with which it has been written—may you give due weight to the considerations which it presents before you. And believing, as we solemnly do, that its recommendations are in accordance with the spirit of the gospel, we would most affectionately solicit your effectual co-operation in the work to which God in His providence, and by His grace has called us The time is short—The motives to diligence and liberality are urgent —The promise is sure—The reward great—You may be instrumental in winning many souls to Christ, and in view of the joy set before you, of meeting in the Kingdom of Glory many from among the Heathen redeemed, sanctified, and saved, through your efforts, we would conclude by exhorting you to have respect to the recompense of reward—to the crown of glory which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to all them that love his appearing.

JOHN S. WILSON,
Moderator of Synod of S. Carolina and Georgia.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT

Of the Executive Committee, to whom was committed the subject of Foreign Missions, to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, in December, 1843.

The labours of your Committee have been very limited.—Another year has been passed without any other agency than the pulpit, and to some very partial extent, the press. But little, therefore, has been left for us to do, beside co-operating with your Treasurer, who has continued to render his very valuable and gratuitous services, in disposing of the funds according to the wish of the donors—in publishing the Report—and in addressing other communications from time to time, through the Charleston Observer, to the pastors and churches under your care.

The result of these communications, and of the action of the Synod at its last meeting, it is now our duty to present.

Collections have been reported from the following churches, as taken up at the Monthly Concert of Prayer for the enlargement of Christ's kingdom.

In South Carolina.

Second Presbyterian Church,	$355 16
Church in Columbia,	56 00
Beech Island church,	30 00
Mount Zion church, Sumter,	56 00
Beaver Creek church,	5 00

In Georgia.

Augusta church,	100 00
1st Presbyterian church, Savannah,	20 00
Walthourville church,	15 00
Athens church, for 1841 and 1842,	139 15
Lagrange church,	15 00
Darien church,	45 25
Harris Neck church,	22 69
Columbus church,	89 57

General, annual, or other collections, have also been reported from the following churches:

In South Carolina.

2d Presbyterian church, Charleston,	$203 00
Columbia church,	194 00
Camden church,	173 38
Mount Olivet church,	23 00
Rocky Creek church,	61 00
Winnsboro' church,	41 00
Bethel church,	32 30
Hopewell church,	72 12
Midway church,	12 50
Jackson's Creek church,	41 10
Captain Blair, of York,	50 00
Beaver Creek church,	71 00
Cane Creek church,	13 25
Indiantown church,	11 50
Concord church,	30 00
Walterboro' church,	11 56
Ebenezer church,	5 00
Purity and Concord churches,	40 00
Presbytery of South Carolina, per Mr. David Humphreys,	71 80

In Georgia.

Augusta church,	334 00
Macon church,	159 31
Athens church,	187 02
Sandy Creek church,	8 00
Savannah church,	3 00
Alcovia church,	21 00
Darien church and Sabbath School,	26 75
And a Lady,	20 00
Mr. Marks' Academy,	7 73
Newnan church, by Mr. Alexander,	12 00
Ebenezer church,	3 33
Lexington church,	5 00
Lagrange church,	15 00
Union School,	5 00
Ladies' Association in Liberty Co.,	79 10
St. Mary's, including $50 from Sabbath School,	124 31
A Friend to Missions,	20 00
A lady to constitute Mr. Marks and Geo. B. Waund, Esq., Life Members,	149 90

From Florida.

Presbytery of Florida,	53 00
Iamonia church,	5 19
Monticello church,	9 00
Tallahassee church,	12 94
St. Augustine church,	41 82

The whole amount reported by your Treasurer is $3,186 21. Besides this, there is reported by the Treasurer of the General Assembly's Board the sum of $337 63, making a sum total of $3,523 84.

From this statement it appears, *first*, that notwithstanding the absence of any agency, and the continued pressure of the times, the number of churches who have observed the Monthly Concert, and who have taken up annual collections for Foreign Missions, has increased, and that the amount collected has also increased by about five hundred dollars. This is certainly encouraging. Your Committee are confident that many churches who do not report distinct collections from the Monthly Concert, have observed that season of prayer, and that several churches have made collections, though not reported by name, since two Presbyteries have reported the amount of their contribution through their Treasurer in its total amount only. This your Committee regret. It is certainly very desirable that all our churches should be brought to act in this matter. The duty of giving of our substance to assist in the preaching of the Gospel to those who are ignorant of it, is equally binding, to the full extent of their ability, upon all christians and churches. Contribution to the cau se of Christ is not the duty of City Churches, or of any other prominent churches *merely*. "For I mean not," says the inspired standard of Christian duty, "that other men be eased and ye burdened, but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want; that there may be equality."—Every Christian, therefore, and every Christion Church, "according to that a man hath," must be found "ready to distribute and willing to communicate," since "he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

Our object, therefore, as a Synod, should be, by every proper means, to induce all the churches under our care to "give every one according as they purpose in their hearts, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." And to this end it is important that the amount contributed by every church should be distinctly reported, that like as the Apostles could point the Corinthians to "the grace of God bestowed on the Churches in Macedonia, how that in

a great trial of affliction the abundance of their (Christian) joy, even in their deep poverty, abounded unto the riches of their liberality," and made them "willing of themselves" to contribute "to their power, yea and beyond their power," so we may be able, by the example of our several churches, to stir up others "to abound in this grace also."

This is the more necessary because it further appears from the above statement that the whole amount contributed by our churches is lamentably small, and the number of Churches that have given nothing, very great. It will not be said that any church that now contributes to the cause of Foreign Missions gives beyond what it is able to afford, or even as much as it might bestow. Every Church, therefore, might contribute in proportion to the number of its members a similar amount, without being in any degree burdened. But we have repeatedly shewn that were all our churches to give to this cause in this proportion, not $3,000 but $25,000 would be the annual income of our Missionary treasury. There is no Church that is not able to do something for the spread of the Gospel. But there are more than a hundred within our bounds which, as far as is known to us, do nothing. Now this surely is a fact not more melancholy than it is fearful. How can it be accounted for? How can it be reconciled with our recognition of the Divine authority of that holy Word which commands us to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

A third observation arising from this statement is, that some churches contribute a much greater average amount than others.

Thus in the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston, the number of white members is about 219, and the amount collected for Foreign Missions during the year, including some not reported to our Board, was nearly $700, being more than three dollars on an average for each member. The Church in Augusta reports about 200 white members, and $434, being an average of more than two dollars for each member. The Church in Columbia reports 128 members, (we believe nearly all white,) and $250, being about two dollars for every member.

These are specimens taken at random. They show that there is a most unequal rate of giving from four, five, or six cents per member, up to more than two dollars. Now how is this to be accounted for? Not surely from the location of these churches—because in our City Churches there will be found more poor persons, and persons in humble life, than in many of our country churches. Besides, some of our country churches, as for instance Beech Island, which re-

ports 36 members, and $30, averages near one dollar for each member. There must, therefore, be some moral cause for this great difference. Now your Committee do not attribute the greater liberality of some of our churches to the greater piety of their members, but rather to the greater effort made by their Pastors or Elders to inform the people on the subject of Missions, and to excite them to the discharge of their duty. It is believed that in every case the liberality of the people will be found to correspond to the efforts made by their Pastor or Elders to communicate to them Missionary intelligence, and to impress upon them their obligations to glorify God in their substance as well as in their prayers and good wishes. And if this is the case, surely a most solemn responsibility rests upon all entrusted with the spiritual worship of God's people among us. "The gold and the silver are the Lord's," but He has made it the duty of his officers to charge them that have this world's goods, and to whom that gold and silver are entrusted, "that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy, that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." Now if they neglect thus to command and to instruct their people, will not the Lord require their shortcoming and guiltiness at the hands of his officers. Most certainly he will.

One other observation is suggested to your committee by this statement, and that is that Juvenile Missionary Societies might be made very serviceable. The Juvenile Missionary Society in the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, has raised during the year, though not all reported to this treasury, about $200; that in the church of Augusta $20; and that in the Sabbath School of the church at St. Marys, Geo. $50; that in Darien, $4; in Mr. Marks school $7 73; and Union school, $5. The duty of training up the young in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and therefore to an active and zealous devotion to his cause, has been sadly neglected. If our children are to become liberal, active and self-denying Christians, then it is just as necessary that they should be early trained up in the way in which they should go, that when they are old they may not depart from it, as it is that they should be early instructed in the general principles of piety. The natural heart is just as much opposed to the active duties of piety as it is to the inward spirit and principles of piety. The grace of God is alone sufficient to dispose the heart to either. But the bestowment of that grace is

made dependent upon our efforts and our prayers. We are explicitly commanded to bring up our children, not only in the knowledge of piety, but also in the nurture and admonition of the Lord And it is just as true that success shall attend our efforts in the one case as in the other, and that if our children are educated for the service of the Lord, they will be found, when they are old, "zealously affected in every good work."

Your committee do not speak on this matter from theoretic knowledge, but from practical experience And the testimony of the Church, in all its branches, and of all those Missionary Societies which have been longest and most laboriously engaged in the work, confirms that experience. There is now a general—a universal reversion of the hopes and expectations of the Christian world, so far as they depend on human instrumentality, from the old to the young.

The co-operation and instruction of the young, in Missionary efforts, may be easily secured by every pastor who sincerely desires it. This may be done in connexion with whatever means are employed for promoting the religious training of the young. Every Sabbath School may be made a school not merely for communicating doctrinal knowledge, and of promoting piety, but also of Christian charity and benevolence.—Let the pastor or superintendent every month occupy a few minutes in addressing the teachers and scholars on their duty to be zealously affected towards the cause of missions—let every teacher see that one member of his class acts as a collector, and that all have an opportunity of contributing every month as they may feel enabled and disposed—and let a meeting be held every quarter, either before or after the Sabbath School exercises, at which an address may be made, or information communicated, and the money collected be handed in; and, if possible, some missionary paper or book distributed—and the work is done. The use of cards, or little books, by the collectors, will at once regulate, simplify and perpetuate the plan.

Your committee would again say, that if giving of our money to the Lord, and employing our activities in his service, are as much a part of Christian nurture and obligation as right knowledge, then is it as imperatively our duty to adopt some such means as this for the accomplishing of this end as it is to instruct their minds in those doctrines that be of God.

Your committee would conclude their report by suggesting to Synod the following course of action.—They recommend that a short pastoral letter be addressed by this Synod to every bishop and elder of our churches, and which should

be as widely as possible distributed among our families, in which the importance of a systematic plan of contributing to the numerous benevolent objects, should be held forth—the formation of Juvenile Missionary Societies, and the circulation of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, should be recommended—and by which every church should be requested to send up to the committee of Synod a report of what they have done for the cause of Foreign Missions; and if they have done nothing, of the reasons which have prevented them from acting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Southern Board of Foreign Missions in account current with JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

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1842.					
Nov. 9.	By balance in hand, per certified account of this date,				$50 00
16.	By cash from J. E. Caldwell, Treasurer Mount Olivet Foreign Missionary Society,		23 00		
26.	From Mrs. Eliza Winn, Monthly Concert at Walthourville, Ga.,		15 00	—38 00	
Dec. 5.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church,		19 38		
	Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, from Sandy Creek church, per Rev. Dr. Church,		8 00		
	From the little Girls in Rev Mr. Palmer's Church, Savannah,		3 00		
6.	From Joseph Cumming, Esq., for Monthly Concert 1st Presbyterian Church, Savannah,		10 00		
14.	Through Rev. Dr Smyth, from Mrs. Jane Giles,	1 00			
	Rocky Creek church, Abbeville District,	16 50			
	Beech Island church,	20 00			
	Alcovia church, by Mr. Wilson,	2 00			
	Winnsborough church,	41 00	–80 50		
	Through do. from Bethel church, per Rev. Mr. Watson,		15 00	—135 88	
1843.					
Jan 3.	Through Joseph Cumming, Esq., Monthly Concert 1st Presbyterian church, Savannah,		10 00		
	Through Rev John Winn, from Darien church,	22 75			
	Less—discount on uncurrent money,	50	–22 25		
5.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,		35 87		
	Through R. T Marks from Ladies of Mr. Munroe's Academy at Wynton, near Columbus, being one half of the nett proceeds of $18 25, Georgia currency, realized at their late examination, from sale of articles of needle work manufactured during the term,	7 73			
	Rev. Mr Alexander, in Central funds, and loaned by him at interest until it amounts to $14, for which he obtained $12 good funds, according to request,	12 00	–19 73	—87 85	
Jan. 13.	By cash through J. M'Clenaghan, Esq., being amount of a collection taken up in Hopewell Church, Marion District, in November last,		72 12	—72 12	
Feb. 1.	Through Mr. L. Bryan, of Wetumpka, a donation from Miss Douglas,		5 00		

	Through Mr. E. L. Newton, Treasurer of Presbyterian church, Athens, as follows:—				
	From Presbyterian church, Athens, Monthly Concert, in part of year 1841,	38	49		
	Taken up in same way, in the year 1842,	100	66		
	A Lady in Athens, 6; A Gentleman in Athens, 10,	16	00		
	A Lady in do 10; a Lady in do. 5,	15	00		
	A Friend in Franklin County,		50		
	Ebenezer church, Clarke Co.	3	33		
	Collection in Presbyterian church, Athens, during the sessions of Synod in November 1842	110	02		
	A Lady in Athens, 6; a Gentleman in do., 10,	16	00		
	A donation in Jewelry, by a Lady,	10	00		
	A Lady in Macon,	5	00		
	Mrs. A. A. Nisbet, Athens,	20	00	335	00
	From a Friend in Lexington, Ga.,			5	00
6.	For balance Quarterly Collection Juvenile Missionary Society, 2d Presbyterian Church,			38	00
	From Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, and two Rings,			39	00
7.	Through Rev. P. Pierson, Collection in Midway church, Sumter District,			12	50
9.	Through Rev John Adger, from Jackson's Creek, Fairfield District,			41	10
20	Through Messrs. Robinson & Caldwell, from Capt. John Blair, of York,			50	00
21.	Annual collection 2d Presbyterian church, and a Gold Seal,			131	00—656 60
March 1.	Through Sidney Crane, Esq., collection in Presbyterian church, Columbia,			144	00
	Monthly Concert at do. (of which $20 from a Lady for a Mission to the Pawnee Indians,)			56	00
9.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,			34	00
14.	By cash for Monthly Concert, Zion church, Sumter District, for "Assembly's Board," thro' Rev. B. Gildersleeve,			56	00—290 00
	17. Through Rev. J. Donnelly, from Beaver Creek ch annual collection,	51	00		
	Through do. Monthly Concert collection,	5	00		
	From an individual of said church,	20	00		
		$76	00		
	Less—Postage,			13—75	87
18.	Through Rev B. Gildersleeve, collection in Cane Creek church, by Rev. J. H. Saye, $14; Less—postage 75 cents,			13	25
19	Through Rev John Winn, from a Lady in Georgia, for Foreign Missions, this being the amount which she has annually given for the last five years for this good cause,			20	00
23.	Through Rev B Gildersleeve, from Indiantown church,			11	50—120 62

April 3. Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church, 27 00
8. Through Rev. E. Cater, collection in Rocky Creek church, first Sabbath in January, 19 50
From Rocky Creek church, and Greenwood Ladies' Working Society, 25 00—44 50
18. Through Rev B Gildersleeve, Monthly Concert Beech Island church, 10 00
Through Mr. M. Smyth Monthly Concert Lagrange church, 15 00
Collection for Missions at do. 15 00
24. From Deacons of Concord ch., Sumter District, by their Pastor, 30 00
From Rev. T. Smyth balance collection Juvenile Missionary Society of 2d Presbyterian church, 34 08
27. Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, from Walterboro' church, 11 56
Mrs. Mary Jones, from Union School Mission, Geo., for the support of Rev. J. L. McBride, China, 5 00—16 56
29. Through R. Habersham & Son, Savannah, through Dr Harden, Liberty County, from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Liberty County, Ga, to be appropriated to the Mission in China, in support of Rev. Thomas McBryde, 79 10—271 24
May 1. By cash, Monthly Concert Second Presbyterian church 26 25
2. Through Rev. B Gildersleeve, as follows:—Richard Nason, 5; David Milling, Fairfield, 5; a Lady of Alabama, 2; less, postage, 18¾, 11 81
9. Prom H. A. Crane, proceeds of the "Penny Box" collection of Darien church Sabbath School, 4 00
16 Through W. Dearing & Sons, from Mr. David Humphreys, 71 80
24. Through W. Aldrich, collections in the Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, Geo., $25 75; Less—postage, 19 cents, 25 56—139 42
June 5. Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 26 77
7. Through Mr. A. Mitchell, from collection at Monthly Concerts, and other times, in Presbyterian church, Darien, 40 25
16. Through Mr W. Shear, of Augusta, as follows:—Annual collection of Presbyterian congregation, Augusta, 244 00
From Mrs Caroline Allen, (a member of the Presbyterian church, Augusta,) for the Allahabad Mission, 10 00
From Wm Smith, Esq., for Missionary Chronicle, 2 00
From the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian congregation, Augusta, by Mr. Dodd, 50 00
From the Juvenile Missionary Society of Sabbath School of Presbyterian Ch., Augusta, for April, 1843, $11 60; for May, $8 40, 20 00

June 16.	Monthly Concerts Presbyterian church, Augusta, 1842, July, $4; August, 4 50; September, 4 25; October, 7 50; November, 14; December, 7 13;—1843, January, 16 25; February, 8; March, 8 62; April, 10 75; May, 8 50; June, 6 50,	100 00			
		$426 00			
	Less—postage,	25-425	75		
26.	Through E B. Baker, Monthly Concert, Harris Neck Church, M'Intosh County,	15 00			
	Less—discount on uncurrent money,	56-14	44	—507	21
July 10.	By cash from D. W. Harrison for Missionary Chronicle,		23 60		
	From Mrs. Leland, Treasurer of Ladies' Association of Columbia, in aid of Foreign Missions, to constitute Rev. B M. Palmer a Life Member of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions,		57 05		
17.	From "a sincere friend of Missions, intended as an annual subscription for five years, or until $100 is raised, to be appropriated to the education of a heathen youth to be chosen by Rev. H. R. Wilson of Futtuguhar; and the youth to be called "Horace Southworth Pratt," as a memento of affection from a former member of his church,		20 00		
20	Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, as follows:—				
	From Mr. Gray, Mississippi,	10 00			
	James Wiseman,	3 00			
	F. Brougham,	2 00			
	Mrs. Kendrick,	1 00			
		$16 00			
	Less—postage,	62-15	38		
27.	Through Messrs. Bowie, Barker & Bowie, from Mr. A. Giles, Lowndesville,		4 00	—119	43
Aug. 7	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church,			12	82
Sept. 4.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,		31 54		
	Through D Hudson, (Treasurer of Presbyterian church, Columbus, Ga.,) proceeds of Monthly Concert collections in said Church, $90; Less—postage, 43 cents,		89 57		
	From a female member of the Presbyterian church, to constitute Rev. R. Marks and J B. Waund, Esq., Life Members of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions,—Check Bank of Brunswick, Augusta, $150; Less—discount, 75 cents, and postage. 18 cents,		149 07	—270	18
24.	By cash, through Mr. E. B. Baker, monthly collections of the Harris Neck Presbyterian church, McIntosh County, Ga $15; less, postage 56 cents, and discount 19 cents,—75,			14	25
Oct 2.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Church,			60	53
17.	Through Mr. Edwin Graves, (in his Draft on New York,) from the Macon Presbyterian church,			159	31

Oct. 20.	From Mr. W. Aldrich, collection at Presbyterian church, St. Mary's, Geo.,	48 75
26	Through Rev. B Gildersleeve, from the Sabbath School of the Presbyterian church, St. Mary's, Geo.,	50 00
Nov. 6.	Monthly Concert collection at 2d Presbyterian church,	42 00
15.	From Purity and Concord churches, through Rev. Mr. Douglas, of Chester,	40 00
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1843. **Dr.**

March 16.	To Executive Committee's order to remit A. B. C. F. Missions the amount contributed for that Board in 1842, Remitted in Leland, Brother & Co.'s Draft at sight, on Gossler & Co., Boston, favor of, and sent to H Hill, Treasurer,	$40 00
April 24.	To Executive Committee's order to remit to Assembly's Board, $1020 ; Remitted in J. Adger & Co.'s Bill at sight, on Brown, Brothers & Co., favor of, and sent to Rev D. Wells, Treasurer,	1020 00
27.	To paid Executive Committee's order for printing Reports,	47 00
Oct. 4.	To paid Executive Committee's order to Rev. Thomas Smyth to remit $1500 ; Remitted in J. Adger & Co.'s Draft on Brown, Brothers & Co., favor of, and sent to Rev. D. Wells, Treasurer Board of Missions Presbyterian Church, for $1500, at sight, ½ per cent premium,	1507 50
	To paid expenses on a Box, received from Augusta, and forwarded to Rev. Mr Loubridge, 8th June last,	4 11
	To paid expenses on a Box forwarded to A. G. Bull, New York, 14th July,	1 06
18.	To Executive Committee's order to remit to the Assembly's Board $159 31, being amount of Edwin Grave's Draft on New York for collections from the Macon Presbyterian Church,	159 31
	To paid freight from New York, and expenses here, on fifteen Trunks and one Basket, received from Rev. T L. McBryde, New York, and forwarded to Mr J. McBride, Hamburg ; freight, $7 81, expenses, $5 45,	13 26
	To paid Executive Committee's order to Rev. Thomas Smyth, for postage, periodicals, and paid by him,	10 00
Nov. 18.	To paid Executive Committee's order to remit the balance now on hand ; Remitted in J. Adger & Co.'s Draft, at sight, on Brown, Brothers & Co., New York, (of which sum $15 80 are appropriated by Executive Committee to be paid in New York, for 60 copies of "The Foreign Missionary,	333 97
	Balance in hand of Treasurer—being in Bills of the Central Bank of Georgia,	50 00
		$3,186 21

JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Education present to Synod the following brief abstract of their proceedings for the past year, accompanied with the account of their Treasurer, as their annual report.

Since the last meeting of Synod your Committee have diligently attended to the duties assigned them, by appropriating all funds and contributions, placed in their hands for that purpose, to the aid and support of such pious and indigent Candidates for the Ministry, under the care of Presbytery, as have been recommended as proper recipients of such assistance, by their Presbyteries respectively.

They have accordingly contributed to the support of thirteen of the Students in the Theological Seminary, and one of the Students in Oglethorpe University, by the appropriation to their use of the sum of $2,423 49.

To meet these disbursements, the following sums have been received, viz :

From the Scholarships belonging to the Seminary,	$410 00
From Associations for the use of particular Students,	480 00
From the Executors of the Lambert Estate in Georgia,	300 00
From congregational collections and contributions,	209 25
From the Presbyteries of Florida, $60, and Flint River,	70 00
From individual benefactions,	19 00
Making the whole amount of funds placed in our hands,	$1478 25

Which subtracted from the expenditures, and allowing interest, leaves a balance of $831 79, unprovided for.

In order to provide for this deficiency, your Committee have been compelled to resort to a loan, and have obtained, through our Treasurer, from the Commercial Bank of Columbia, the above named amount of $831 74, for the repayment of which the Committee are personally responsible.

These advances, which were wholly unavoidable, and the urgent wants of our beneficiaries, present to the Synod and the Churches very strong appeals for increased liberality. With the loud call for more laborers in our harvest field, we *should* not, we *cannot* arrest those who are just entering. The Churches cannot afford to deprive themselves of the labors of able, devoted young men, by refusing to provide for their subsistence while they are hastening to the field.

It can only be necessary, therefore, that the true state of the case should be fairly laid before our people, to ensure a speedy and sufficient supply.

In order to enable your Committee for the next year to discharge their duty without distressing embarrassment, it will be necessary to furnish them with the means of repaying the money loaned for the past year, and also of meeting the demands for the past year, which will not be less than two thousand dollars.

For about half that amount we can place reliance upon the income of the Scholarships, and upon contributions from Augusta, Columbia, Liberty County, (Ga.,) Greenwood in Abbeville, and the Lambert Estate. For the other half, and for the amount of the loan, provision should be made by the action of Synod. A small sum, pledged in behalf of each congregation which is well able to contribute, would be sufficient.

It is proper to add that the above enumeration does not include all our Beneficiaries who are sustained by the provisions of this noble charity. Three Students of our Seminary are supported by an Association of Ladies in the Second Presbyterian Church in Charleston, and one by the Ladies' Society in the Church of Macon. Another Candidate for the Ministry is supported by the Presbytery of Harmony.

It is only necessary to add that if the pledges made to sustain this cause, at the last meeting of Synod, had been redeemed, there would have been a large surplus beyond all our disbursements.

All which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Education Committee.

A. W. LELAND, *Chairman.*

THE BIBLICAL REPOSITORY AND PRINCETON REVIEW.

The undersigned, believing that the *Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review* is less known to many of the officers and members of the Presbyterian Church than is on many accounts desirable, takes this method of calling attention to the subject. The above named Journal, a quarterly Review, each number containing one hundred and fifty pages, was commenced in 1825, and has sustained itself for eighteen years, out-living almost all similar theological works, which at different periods have been published in this country; and its prospects of success and usefulness are at present more encouraging than they have yet been. This Journal has been devoted to the support and defence of the doctrines, order, and enterprises of our Church. It has uniformly contended against the confident assumptions of the advocates of the theological errors which, during the last fifteen years, have been the subjects of so much controversy. It has sustained the views exhibited in our Confession of Faith, on original sin, regeneration, justification by faith, election, the person of Christ, and the sacraments. It has resisted the exclusive claims of those who make prelacy essential to the being of a Church. It has contended for the right of the Church to conduct the operations designed for the diffusion of the Gospel and promotion of religion, by Boards of her own appointment; and has endeavored to prove that such mode of action is better suited to our ecclesiastical system, safer, more efficient, and more healthful than that contended for by the advocates of voluntary and irresponsible societies. Subjects connected with ecclesiastical and general history, philosophy, literature, and morals, have from time to time been discussed at large in its pages.

That such a work, properly conducted, is desirable, cannot be doubted. It has an efficient means of disseminating knowledge and truth; it is a powerful auxiliary in opposing error, and may be said to be indispensable in an age in which the periodical press has become, in so great a degree, the guide of public opinion and feeling. If the advocates of error

have their journals, the advocates of truth would be wanting in fidelity if they allowed so powerful an instrument to lie neglected. The undersigned, believing that the more extensive circulation of the Repertory would, in various ways, be useful, takes this method of bringing the subject under the consideration of the officers and members of our Church.

The regular subscription price of the Repertory is $3 00 a year. But to secure the widest possible circulation, it is proposed, where the work is sent by mail, that if any four subscribers unite in remitting $10 *in advance*, it will be received in full, making only $2 50 a year from each. When fifteen subscribers unite in one agency, and pay in advance, it will be reduced to $2 25. Any person procuring four subscribers shall be entitled to a fifth copy *gratis*, on remitting payment for the others. Or any person obtaining new subscribers shall be entitled to $1 each for every regular paying subscriber so procured.

On these terms, it is hoped that the subscription list of this invaluable work may be still more increased; and an effort to this effect on the part of its friends is respectfully solicited. Communications and remittances may be addressed to M. B. Hope,

Education Rooms, No. 29 Sansom-st., Philadelphia.